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- MEETINGS

SUMMARY. PRESS CONTINUES HIGHLIGHT SADAT MEETINGS IN
VIENNA/SALZBURG, STRESSING PEACE EFFORTS AND PARTICULARLY
RECENT EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL GAINING WORLD SUPPORT. PAPERS
HIGHLIGHT SADAT'S LEAVING OPEN OPTION OF ACCEPTING
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WALDHEIM'S LONG-STANDING PROPOSAL FOR PRE-GENEVA
CONCLAVE. PRESS PROMINENTLY COVERS SOCIALIST INTER-
NATIONAL'S FOUR PRINCIPLES FOR PEACE WITH EDITORIALS
STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF SI'S SHIFT OF SUPPORT FROM ISRAEL
TO ARABS, ALTHOUGH SOME QUARTERS IN GOE BELIEVE THIS
SUPPORT PURCHASED BY GOE SACRIFICING DEMAND FOR TOTAL
ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. BEGIN GOVERNMENT AGAIN CRITICIZED

FOR "INTRANSIGENT" LOGIC WHICH WILL WASTE CHANCE FOR PEACE. END SUMMARY.

1. SADAT DISCUSSES PEACE WITH WALDHEIM. GUMHURIYYA JULY 11 BANNER HEADLINED WALDHEIM EXPECTS "AMERICAN INITIATIVE AFTER LONDON MEETING." ACCORDING HODA TEWFIK, SADAT CALLED FOR UN TO ASSUME FULL ROLE IN COMING STAGE. PRESIDENT SAID EGYPT HAS NO OBJECTION TO PRE-GENEVA PREPARATORY CONFERENCE, IN NEW YORK OR ELSEWHERE, NOTING CAIRO CONFERENCE ITSELF WAS PREPARATION FOR GENEVA. ALTERNATIVELY, SADAT AND WALDHEIM DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO GENEVA DIRECTLY IF CURRENT EFFORTS FAIL. SADAT REPORTEDLY TOLD WALDHEIM HE WOULD PUT NO CONDITIONS ON THIS. ON EGYPT'S LATEST PROPOSAL, PAPERS QUOTE WALDHEIM AS SAYING THEY CONTAIN ELEMENTS OF UN RESOLUTIONS.

2. ISRAELI REJECTION. AKHBAR REPORTS SADAT'S "DIS-APPOINTMENT" AT ISRAEL'S REJECTION OF HIS PROPOSALS. PRESIDENT SAID THIS COULD AFFECT LONDON CONFERENCE AND HIS HOPES PINNED ON U.S. EFFORTS. FORMIN KAMEL ALSO EXPRESSED REGRET BUT SAID HE NOT SURPRISED. VANCE PRESS CONFERENCE REPORTED, BUT NO NOTE MADE OF HIS OBSERVATION THAT PROPOSALS OF BOTH SIDES HAVE DEFICIENCIES AND THAT JERUSALEM HAS YET TO BE NEGOTIATED.

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3. SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLES. AHAM AND AKHBAR HIGHLIGHT SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL'S 4 PRINCIPLES ON MIDDLE EAST: (A) PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND SADAT INITIATIVE SHOULD CONTINUE WITH DIRECT TALKS; (B) PEACE SHOULD BE BASED ON NATURAL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND NEW REGIONAL SYSTEM OF COOPERATION; (C) SECURE BORDERS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED (BY NEGOTIATIONS) IN LINE WITH 242, ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, DEMILITARIZING, AND PROVISION FOR ISRAELI SECURITY WHERE NECESSARY; (D) PALESTINIAN PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED IN ALL ITS ASPECTS, INCLUDING PALESTINIANS' RIGHT PARTICIPATE IN DETERMINING THEIR OWN FUTURE. (PERES REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED PRINCIPLES AS "REALISTIC" AND AS HAVING "POSITIVE ELEMENTS." GOLDMANN QUOTED AS SAYING ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IS CONDITION FOR PEACE.)

4. EDITORIALY, AHAM AND AKHBAR HIGHLIGHTED SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL'S SHIFT FROM ISRAEL TOWARD ARABS, WHICH SHOWS "DEEP MEANING" OF SADAT INITIATIVE. GUMHURIYYA HIT BEGIN FOR "UPSIDE DOWN LOGIC". CLAIMED ISRAEL WANTS TO CONTINUE OCCUPATION AND IGNORE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. RESULT IS ISRAEL WILL WASTE CHANCE FOR FAIR

AND HONORABLE PEACE. IT UP TO "BEGIN GOVERNMENT" TO RETURN TO CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS FOR PEACE WHICH "ARABS AND THE WORLD ARE EXPECTING."

5. COMMENT. SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT NOT WELCOMED IN ALL QUARTERS. SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL TOLD POLCOUNS JULY 11 THAT SADAT APPEARS TO HAVE MADE MORE CONCESSIONS TO OBTAIN IT; E.G. NO LONGER TOTAL WITHDRAWAL. ON OTHER HAND, HE SAID, SI SUPPORT DID ASSIST IN FURTHER UNDERMINING BEGIN POSITION WITH EUROPEAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES. EILTS

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